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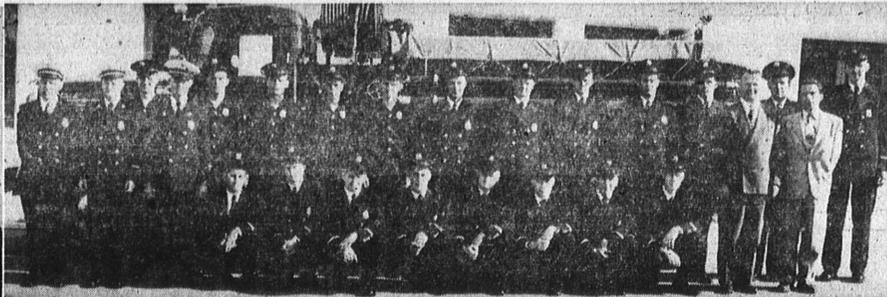
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SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL . . . Pilot Bob Fleiger, owner of the Eagle Aviation Company at Torrance Municipal Airport, hands to Captain Willard McGlissen a bundle of Torrance Herald for the day room of the 578th Combat Engineers at Camp Cooke. Airman Fleiger flew two Herald reporter-photographers to the camp last Friday for a morning-long inspection and photographic tour of the camp.—(Herald photo.)



OPTIMISTIC . . . Engineer Walter West indicates he will be back from the Navy soon to take up his duties of fighting fires and teaching Torrance residents First Aid. More than 100 persons have qualified for Red Cross Certificates under West's tutelage.—(Herald photo)



LEARN FIRST AID . . . Pictured is the most recent "family portrait" of the Torrance Fire Department. The gathering took place recently following the awarding of Red Cross shoulder patches to 32 members of the department who successfully completed a course in First Aid.—a part of the local Civilian Defense program. (Herald photo)

Fireman Qualifies 32 Buddies in First Aid

It looks as though they have found somebody to fill the shoes, or rather the boots, of Engineer Walter West while he does a hitch with Uncle Sam. West, a member of the Torrance Fire Department for 16 years, has been called back into the Navy as an x-ray technician. During the recent spurt to train local residents in First Aid, Eng. West has instructed eight classes and qualified 116 persons for the American National Red Cross certificate. Among the group were 32 of his 34 fellow fire fighters. Incidentally, 29 have applied for the instructor's courses. West was a Pharmacist Mate First Class during World War II and served aboard the U. S. S. St. Croix (APA 231), and was attached to the Naval Hospital at San Diego Maryland, and at the Navy Yards in Norfolk. He lives with his wife, Mildred, and son Bobby, 10, at 2034 Reynolds Drive. Stepping forward to ease into West's boots is Fred Schawankovsky of the Red Cross who will start an instructor's course tonight. The course will be offered to anyone who has completed the primary first aid course. It will be taught at the main fire station on Cravens avenue on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. It is a two-week course.

Song Leader Announced
Homer Rodeheaver, world famous song leader, will lead the song service for the Easter Sunrise Service in the Rose Bowl on March 25, the sponsoring committee has announced.

Ex-El Camino Student Chief In Air Force

First Lieutenant Delmar F. Gilkeson, former student body president at El Camino College, today was off into the wild blue yonder again with the U. S. Air Force.

A veteran B-26 pilot and member of the Air National Guard, Gilkeson was a senior



AIRBORNE . . . 1st Lt. Delmar F. Gilkeson is drawing flight pay.

at the University of Southern California when recalled to active duty at Lockheed Air Terminal.

His wife Pat, who lives at 25007 Narbonne avenue, plans to accompany him wherever possible during his Air Force duty.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Gilkeson, 26014 Latite street, the flier served in World War II, both as an enlisted man and as an officer from January, 1943 to March 1946.

In September, 1946, he joined the 115th Bomb Sq. (L), Air National Guard and was with the outfit until his recall.

In 1948, he spent five months on active duty and was on active status at the start of the Korean conflict.

He graduated from El Camino in February, 1950.

Social Security Adviser Available for Interview

A field representative of the Social Security Administration will be available for interview at the California Department of Employment office at 1625 Cravens avenue, each Wednesday after 1:30 p.m., it was announced this week. He will explain benefits obtainable under the new social security law effective last September 1.

PLANS ROTATION PROGRAM

The Air Force department of the National Defense Establishment is planning a rotation program for the return to the United States of personnel serving within the Far East Command, a Defense Department announcement stated.

Dependent upon world conditions, the AF plans a 30-month tour of Orient duty.

student of Mrs. Nance, will play "Valse Chromatique" by Godard. Ten-year old Mary Selover, a student of Mrs. Evelyn Coles, will offer the "Spinning Song" by Ellenreich.

The orchestra will be heard in "Polonaise," "Moment Musical," "Concerto — First Movement Theme," "Prelude in C Sharp Minor," "Country Gardens," "A Garland of Waltzes," "Clair de Lune," and the First Movement of the Concert by Tchaikovsky.

Engineers Tell Reaction to Overseas Orders

About to ship out this month for Japan is the 578th Combat Engineers attached to the 40th Infantry Division now stationed at Camp Cooke, California.

Here are some of the reactions of some Torrance soldiers who were asked:

"What is your reaction to be-



KEN WAKEFIELD . . . 'I'll Take Steak'

ing sent with the 40th Division to Japan?"

"No, I can't say I'm looking forward to it. I'll be leaving my wife, Yvonne, and two baby girls, Janice and Vivian, down in Torrance. I've never been out of the state, but I'd rather eat steak than chow mein any day."—Cpl. Ken Wakefield (20), 1546 West 204th street.

"The first thing I want to do when we hit Japan is take a rickshaw ride. I'd also like to see lots of the country, especially the big cities. From what I hear, we'll be arriving there at the best time of the year. But when the boat's ready to come home again, I'll probably be the first one aboard."—Pfc. Jim Spratt (18), 1572 West 215th street.

"Frankly, I'm not too happy about the prospect of going overseas. My wife, Tallulah, is expecting her first child in May, and I was hoping I'd still be around. But so long as I'm going, I'd like to see a lot of the sights, especially Tokyo."—Cpl. Willard Specht (20), 1920 Plaza del Amo.

"I've never been out of the United States, so it should be quite an experience for me, to say the least. I like Oriental food, but will need a little basic training in the use of chopsticks before we go. I used to work on fishing boats in Redondo, so the trip over shouldn't give me any trouble."—Cpl. John Schulz (20), 2012 Andrea avenue.

"The 17-year-olds in the division have their choice of going to Japan or staying in the states. I'm going. I like Oriental



RICHARD GAZELEY . . . 'I'm Going'

food and want to see as much of the world as possible. One of the first places I want to visit is the volcano Mt. Fujiyama."—Pfc. Richard Gazeley (17), 22540 South Vermont.

"In World War II I spent two years in Germany, and I was kind of hoping we'd be going there again. I'll certainly miss my wife, Marie, and eight-year-old daughter, Patricia. I don't think the men are ready for combat yet, so they'll need all the training they can get in Japan."—Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Kiecklighter (28), 23812 Park street.

Further Drops In Job Seekers Noted Locally

An optimistic note in the employment picture was sounded this week when Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the local branch of the Department of Employment, reported that only 469 residents of Torrance were seeking work through her offices. This compares with a total of 642 a month ago. Of those seeking work through the employment office, 209 are women and 209 are men. Thirty-two per cent of the men are veterans.

Mrs. Ellis reports that many of the women registered for work are housewives re-entering the labor market for defense work.

Of those seeking employment, 25 registered as professional, 85 as clerical, 35 as sales clerks, 80 as service personnel, 84 as skilled laborers, 72 as semi-skilled laborers, and 88 as laborers.

Scouts Plan Outing

Green Bar Scouts of Troops 241, 215 and 721 will spend Saturday afternoon and Sunday on the Circle X ranch in Ventura County on a camping refresher program, it was announced this week.



DOWN FROM COLLEGE . . . Miss Nancy Ann Whyte will journey to Torrance this weekend from Mills College in Oakland to appear with the Adult Symphony Orchestra in a concert to be held Friday evening. She is one of five featured pianists to play a solo during the performance.



TALENTED MUSICIANS . . . Selected to appear as soloists during the adult concert tomorrow are these talented pianists of the local younger set. Pictured are (left to right) Pat Clere, Mickey Van Deventer, Katherine Curtiss, and Mary Elizabeth Selover.—(Herald photo)

Five Local Pianists Featured In "Keyboard Music" Concert

The fifty nimble, musical, and talented fingers of five Torrance young ladies will be heard to produce some of the great compositions of all time during the presentation of the Torrance Concert Orchestra "Evening of Keyboard Music" to be staged at the Torrance High School Auditorium Friday evening at 8:15.

The concert, free to the public, will be conducted by Abe Milstein, director of music of the Torrance Unified School District. The orchestra, now in its third year, is part of the Adult Education Program of the local school district.

To be featured in piano solos are Miss Nancy Ann Whyte, a junior at Mills College; Pat Clere, a sophomore at El Camino College; Mickey Van Deventer, a sophomore at Torrance High School; Katherine Curtiss, a seventh grader at Torrance Elementary School; and Mary Elizabeth Selover, a sixth grade student at Fern Avenue Elementary School.

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

Last Friday night will be remembered by all those who saw "That Brewster Boy." It was, without a doubt, one of the most successful plays ever put on at Torrance High. The set was wonderful. You should have heard everyone when they saw it. The actors and the actresses did a marvelous job, and everything about the play was great. All of you who missed this event, be sure to see the next play the school stages. The dramatic department is really getting on the ball and you can expect to see great things come out of Torrance in the way of dramatics and musicals.

Speaking of musicals, remember the second annual operetta, "Belle of Bagdad," will be produced May 4 at 8 p.m. If you missed seeing "That Brewster Boy," be sure you make it to the operetta. Last year the music classes put on "Sunbonnet Girl," and this year's operetta promises to be even better.

Another very important note from the music department is that the music classes finally have ordered their long awaited robes. Through the very generous efforts of the PTA this was made possible. Sixty long gray robes with crimson sashes are on order. Measurements will be taken after Easter vacation and the robes will be delivered 10 days afterwards. Mr. Zavislan announced that the choir will give a program for the whole school a short while after they receive their robes. A big note of thanks goes to our PTA for securing these robes for us.

The Torrance Ball Park last Saturday night was the scene of the very exciting Narbonne-Torrance baseball game. All of you who missed seeing this game really missed some fine ball playing by both teams. Sorry to say, Narbonne edged out Torrance with a score of 5 to 4. A short while ago Torrance beat Narbonne by a 4 to 3 score. So the teams are a pretty even match. Pitching for the Tartars was Charlie Camout, and in the catcher's position was Johnny Spiller; playing on the bases were Jimmy Nady 1st, Jimmy Murphy 2nd, Dick Ferguson 3rd, Bill Crawford shortstop, right field was Bart Smith, center field Victor Ordaz, left field Al Knappenberger.

Last Saturday the Torrance High band participated in the Inglewood Band Festival. Torrance's band competed with Santa Monica, Jordan and many of the other big schools in this section, and that wonderful band of ours won a 1-A rating, the highest rating a band can get. So, congratulations to our band.

Did you notice all those white sleeveless slipovers with the maroon T. L. emblem around school? Well, guess what!!! The Tartar Ladies finally got their sweaters. The Tartar Ladies raised the money for their sweaters by having the concessions at the basketball games. These sweaters belong to the club and will be handed down from one set of girls to another.

Fourteen Torrance High Dramatic Arts students submitted their names to the National Thespians Society. These students are anxiously waiting to see if they were accepted for membership. If these students are accepted, a Thespians troupe will be formed here at Torrance for the first time. The sponsor will be Mr. Dan Desmond, dramatic arts teacher. If the dramatic students of Torrance can join, they will receive quite a few benefits from the national organization.

Remember to save papers for the high school paper drive March 14 and 15.